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SUBJECT: UNGA CHILE HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION DEMARCHE BY  
CHILEAN AMBASSADORS TO U.S. AND UN

1. CHILEAN AMBASSADORS TO USG AND UN, JORGE CAUAS AND  
SERGIO DIEZ, CALLED ON ARA ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
STEDMAN ON NOV 23. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY SERGIO RILLON,  
DESCRIBED BY CHILEAN EMBASSY AS CIVILIAN ATTORNEY WHO IS  
EMPLOYED BY AND ADVISOR TO CHILEAN NAVY AND ALSO HUMAN  
RIGHTS ADVISOR TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. DIEZ MADE SPECIAL TRIP  
FROM NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING WITH STEDMAN, CHILE  
DESK OFFICER STEVEN, AND MS. BOVA OF HA.

2. DIEZ ACTED AS PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN. HE REFERRED TO  
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DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED US WHICH PRESENT GOC POSITION  
ON UNHRC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ("ALLANA") REPORT, AND GAVE  
LENGTHY, ARTICULATE AND IMPASSIONED STATEMENT OF GOC CASE  
AGAINST WORKING GROUP AND FOR USG SEPARATION FROM IT.

3. DIEZ NOTED THAT GOC HAD TRIED SINCE 1975 TO WORK WITH  
GROUP, BUT HAD FOUND ALLANA PREJUDICED FROM START,

ARROGANTLY WIELDING WEAPON OF AUTOMATIC MAJORITY SUPPORT  
IN UNGA FROM MARXISTS AND THEIR DUPES. ACCORDING TO DIEZ,

GOC WAS NOT EVEN ASKED ANY QUESTIONS WHILE REPORTS, PAST  
AND PRESENT, WERE BEING PREPARED. REPORTS LACKED ALL DUE  
PROCESS FOR CHILE, CITING ANONYMOUS INFORMATION, BIASED  
OPINIONS, DISTORTED OR SELECTED DATA. CHILE WAS ATTACKED  
POLITICALLY, WITH CRITICISM OF SUCH NON-HUMAN RIGHTS RE-  
LATED MATTERS AS GOC EFFORTS TO REDUCE ROLE OF STATE IN  
ECONOMY. RATHER THAN LIMIT INQUIRY TO LEGITIMATE AREA  
OF RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF PERSON, ALLANA GROUP HAD LAUNCHED  
ITSELF INTO REVIEW OF GOC'S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
POLICIES. THIS CONSTITUTED CLEAR INTERVENTION, AND HAS  
NOW LED TO ASTOUNDING DEMANDS FROM UN BODIES FOR DETAILED  
INFORMATION FROM GOC ON SUCH GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS AS  
BUDGET, ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
STATEMENTS, ETC. FINAL RESULT WAS REPORT AND DRAFT  
RESOLUTION WHICH ARE ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE.

4. DIEZ CLAIMED IMPROVEMENTS IN CHILE OVER LAST YEAR OR  
TWO, AND AT STEDMAN'S REQUEST REVIEWED THEM:

-- RELEASE OF MOST INTERNAL SECURITY PRISONERS, EVEN  
COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF CORVALAN.

-- PARDONS OF MOST SUCH PRISONERS CONVICTED AND SERVING  
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SENTENCES, WITH THE REMAINDER DUE OUT SOON.

-- REDUCTION OF STATE OF SIEGE TO ALLOW CIVILIAN REVIEW  
OF MILITARY TRIALS; ONLY ABOUT 4 CASES ARE BEING TRIED  
UNDER "TIME OF WAR" RULES.

-- POLITICAL INSTITUTIONALIZATION REFERRED TO CIVILIAN  
COUNCILS (SIC).

-- MORE FREEDOM OF OPINION THAN IN MOST OF LATIN  
AMERICA; VOLOSO CASE (OF DINA ABUSE) EVEN DISCUSSED IN  
PRESS.

5. HE SAID THAT RESULTS MUST BE JUDGED, NOT THEORIES OF  
LAW. RECOGNITION OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS IS NEEDED, HE  
EMPHASIZED, STRESSING PRIDE AND DIGNITY OF CHILEAN MIL-  
ITARY WHICH IS OFFENDED BY BLATENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST  
THEM. HE CLAIMED THAT CHILE IS FAR FROM HALFWAY UP SCALE  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSERS; THAT IT RESPONDS TO UN WHERE  
OTHERS SIMPLY REFUSE TO ADMIT DISCUSSION. ONLY CHILE IS  
BEFORE THE UN - "THE REST GO TO BELGRADE TO TALK HUMAN  
RIGHTS".

6. DIEZ SAID THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE USG TO SUPPORT THIS DISCRIMINATION. IT HAS OTHER WAYS TO

INFLUENCE THE GOC. SANCTIONS ON CHILE BY THE USG ARE OUR AFFAIR, BUT IN SUPPORTING A CALL FOR UN SANCTIONS WE ARE HELPING TO SET IN MOTION A COURSE OF EVENTS WHICH WILL LEAD TO CHILE BEING SANCTIONED LIKE SOUTH AFRICA. HE NOTED THAT FRANCE HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE GOC'S LEGAL POSITION ON SUCH UN INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTS.

7. DIEZ SAID THAT THE GOC COULD AGREE TO ADMIT TWO UN OBSERVERS, BUT WITH THE RULES OF FAIR PLAY ESTABLISHED IN ADVANCE. THE VISIT WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE MATTER  
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OF HUMAN RIGHTS, NOT BROADER AREAS WHICH ARE OUTSIDE THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP. HE ENDED BY STATING THAT THERE COULD BE NO SUCH VISIT IF SUCH A DISCRIMINATORY RESOLUTION WAS PASSED.

8. CAUAS AND RILLON BOTH SPOKE ON LEGAL PROBLEMS, CITING CONFLICT BETWEEN OVERSIGHT ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH TRADITIONAL PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION. THEY COMPLAINED THAT THERE ARE NO RULES, NO DUE PROCESS WHICH APPLIES TO STATE AS MEMBER OF UN. CHILE COULD ACCEPT A "US RESOLUTION", BUT WHY DID US JOIN OTHERS, SUCH AS CUBA, IN SUCH AN ATTACK?

9. STEDMAN THANKED THE VISITORS FOR PRESENTATION. HE NOTED THAT VARIOUS INTERESTS AND OFFICES WITHIN STATE MUST BE CONSULTED IN PREPARING OUR POSITION ON THE RESOLUTION. HE ASSURED THEM THAT THE POINTS MADE WOULD BE TAKEN INTO FULL CONSIDERATION.

10. COMMENT: CAUAS NOTED THAT THE PAPERS PRESENTED TO US WERE IN PART THOSE WHICH HE HOPED TO PRESENT PERSONALLY WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER.  
WE BELIEVE

THIS MEETING REPRESENTED THE GOC'S LAST BEST EFFORT TO PRESENT ITS CASE TO US BEFORE THE DECISIONS ARE MADE CONCERNING THE UN RESOLUTION. VANCE

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